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Ms. JoAnne Hanley
Fort Necessity National Battlefield and
Friendship Hill National Historic Site
USDI National Park Service
The National Pike
RD #2, Box 528
Farmington, PA 15437

Dear Ms. Hanley:

On June 16, 1999, Rod Whiteman of my staff conducted an aerial detection survey for gypsy moth-caused tree defoliation at Fort Necessity National Battlefield and Friendship Hill National Historic Site. I am pleased to report that no defoliation was detected at, or in the vicinity of, your sites. However, approximately 2 acres of moderate damage (25-50 percent of the trees uprooted) and 2 acres of severe damage (51-100 percent of the trees uprooted) were detected in the red pine stands at Fort Necessity (Figure 1). Rod was informed by Chuck Smith that the damage was caused by an ice storm during January of 1999.

If you anticipate requesting either financial or technical assistance for gypsy moth control in 2000, please contact Brad Onken or Rod by letter or telephone (304) 285-1541 before August 27, 1999.

Please contact Rod at the above number if you have any questions regarding this aerial survey letter.

Sincerely,

For JOHN W. HAZEL

Field Representative

Morgantown Field Office

Enclosure

cc: Chuck Smith, Fort Necessity
Connie Ranson, Friendship Hill
Wayne Millington, IPM Specialist, NPS
Larry Rhoads, PA BOF
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Figure 1. -- Aerial detection survey results at Fort Necessity National Battlefield, June 16, 1999.

